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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Eric M. Blount

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-17, 20-26, 28 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 18, 27, 29 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, filed October 13, 2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of the claim(s) under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Bromley et al.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-8, 10-17, 19-26, 28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Novik [U.S. Patent No. 6,339,745] in view of Bromley et al [Pub No. US 2004/0167689 A1].

Regarding **claim 1**, Novik discloses a method for managing a plurality of tracked objects; each tracked object corresponds with a telemetry device (see abstract). The method comprises receiving a request for at least one action to be performed by the at least one corresponding telemetry device and transmitting, to the at least one corresponding telemetry device, a message including information indicating the at least

one action, at least one geographical map indication of at least one location of each tracked vehicle is displayed (Figures 1&2, column 2, and column 4, lines 45-63). Novik does not specifically disclose that a web browser is used in the method.

In an analogous art, Bromley discloses a system and method for managing a plurality of tracked objects (100), each tracked object (128) associated with a corresponding telemetry device (130). The method comprises a step of the telemetry device or devices receiving from a web browser a request for at least one action to be performed (paragraph 38). The web browser is configured to display information about one of or each of a plurality of tracked objects (Figures 3-6B and paragraph 96).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention by the applicant to modify the invention of Novik to include the use of a web browser as taught by Bromley because the modification would have resulted in a system capable of monitoring a plurality of tracked objects from a remote location using a well known Internet web-based browser environment for reliably communicating information.

As for **claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 20, 21**, Novik discloses a method wherein the at least one action includes instructing the tracked object to perform a tracked object activity. The tracked object activity includes several functions such as turning on the ignition of a vehicle on (column 13, line 65 – column 14, lines 16).

As for **claims 4, 6, 13, 15, 22, 24**, disclosed is a method wherein the at least one action includes obtaining data indicating at least one status of the tracked object. The

status of the tracked object may include location status (column 6, lines 3-13 and column 14, lines 40-54).

As for **claims 5, 14, 23**, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention by the applicant that some type of Input/Output interface be present on the telemetry device taught by Novik. One of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that status information could be obtained from the Input/Output interface. Bromley discloses an Input/Output interface located on the telemetry device for communication (paragraphs 63 and 64). This reasonably appears to meet the limitations set forth by the claims. Further applicant admits, "status may be obtained by any number of means" in the response to the Official action mailed July 13, 2005. Thus, while Novik and Bromley reasonably suggest the limitation, the use of an Input/Output interface to obtain status information can be viewed as a matter of design.

Regarding **claims 7 and 16**, Novik discloses a method of receiving from the at least one corresponding telemetry devices, a message including an indication of at least one status of the corresponding tracked object and transmitting display information including a display indicator of an alert based on the at least one status (column 4, lines 20-67 and column 12, lines 59-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that if a web browser were used, as taught by Bromley, that the display information would be transmitted to the web browser for display.

As for **claims 8, 17, and 26**, Novik does not specifically disclose a method for preprocessing and transmitting information to a web browser. Bromley discloses that

communication with a web browser includes the transmission of information, which is processed by a server and sent in a file with associating data to the web browser (paragraphs 52 and 53). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention by the applicant that map images transmitted by Novik would be processed by the server taught by Bromley if the map information were to be displayed by the web browser.

Regarding **claim 10**, disclosed is a display device for managing a plurality of tracked objects associated with a corresponding telemetry device (column 6, lines 14-33). The device may be configured to process a request for at least one action to be performed by the at least one corresponding telemetry device, to display at least one geographical map indication of at least one location of each tracked object, and to transmit information for inclusion in a message for transmission to the corresponding telemetry device, the message including information indicating the at least one action (column 4, line 55 – column 6, line 2 and column 14, lines 1-15). ). Novik does not specifically disclose that a web browser is used with the display device.

In an analogous art, Bromley discloses a system and method for managing a plurality of tracked objects (100), each tracked object (128) associated with a corresponding telemetry device (130). The display device comprises a web browser configured to process a request for at least one action to be performed by a corresponding telemetry device (paragraph 38). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention by the applicant to modify the display device of Novik to include the use of a web browser as taught by Bromley because the

modification would have resulted in a system capable of monitoring a plurality of tracked objects from a remote location using a well known Internet web-based browser environment for reliably communicating information.

As for **claims 19 and 25**, Novik discloses a computer readable medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions for prioritizing transmission of messages from a telemetry device (column 4, line 64-column 5, line 67). Novik also discloses the steps of receiving and transmitting as stated in the claim. Bromley discloses the use of a web browser for transmitting and receiving information from corresponding telemetry devices. Please refer to the discussion of claims 1 and 10 above for further explanation.

Regarding **claims 28 and 30**, Novik and Bromley reasonably teach or suggest all of the limitations set forth by the claims. Please refer to the claims above for a further explanation.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. **Claims 9, 18, 27, 29, and 31** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

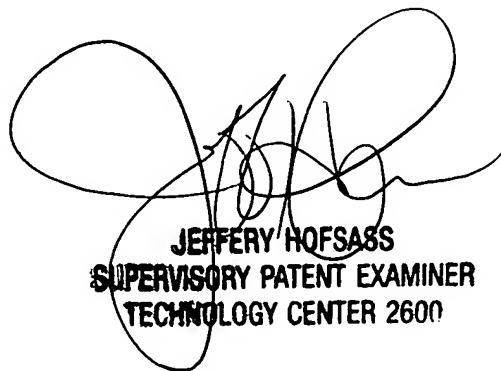
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric M. Blount whose telephone number is (571) 272-2973. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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